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M'CRAY PRESENTS FIGURES TO BACK UP HIS CHARGES

Makes Public Bids Submitted
for Cement Contracts for
State Roads.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—Bids of cement companies declared by Gov. McCray and other state officials as indicative of collusion in a proposed \$500,000 expenditure by the state in paving the national roads were made public Thursday by the state highway commission with official declarations that the state authorities contemplated making a fight on the companies.

Three companies submitted identical bids, according to the highway commission's announcement. They were the Universal Portland Cement Co. of Chicago, the Indiana Portland Cement Co. of Greencastle, and the Lehigh Portland Cement Co. of Chicago. The bids of each totaled \$330,222 for sack cement, and \$415,327 for barrel cement. Purchases of the cement is planned by the state commission on its program of paving various gaps in the national road aggregating 56 miles in length. Five other companies submitted bids for all or part of the contract. Two of these companies—the Louisville Cement Co. of Louisville, and the Sandusky Portland Cement Co. of Cleveland—proposed prices for all the cement on quotations higher than the other three bidders for the entire properties. The Kosmos Portland Cement Co., bidder for part of the contract, was higher than the identical bids submitted by other companies.

The bids of the three companies—the Universal, the Indiana and the Lehigh companies—that were identical, according to the highway commission's announcement, follows:

For the Brazil-Reelsville Gap, \$74,836 for sacks, and \$60,766 for barrels; Terre Haute-Seelyville gap \$33,716 sacks, and \$27,587 barrels; Greencastle-Knightstown gap, \$122,573 sacks, and \$100,771 for barrels; Knightstown-Louisville gap, \$80,059 sacks, and \$68,819 barrels; Lewisville-Dublin gap, \$80,393 sacks, and \$60,094 barrels; and Clayton-Bridgeport gap, \$139,244 sacks, and \$115,978 barrels.

The Louisville company submitted the lowest bid for the Greencastle-Knightstown gap, proposing sale at approximately \$900 under the foregoing bids of the three companies. The company also was lowest on the Knightstown-Louisville gap bidding \$79,426 on sack and \$65,188 on barrel. The Atlas Portland Cement Co., bidding on three gaps submitted proposals which were the same as those of the Universal, Indiana and Lehigh companies, according to the commission's announcement. The Wabash Portland Cement Co., bidding on one gap, also submitted the same price as the three companies, the announcement showed. "It may be difficult," said Gov. McCray, "to prove collusion but it is plain when the companies were trying to do."

LOSS IN SAGINAW

FIRE IS \$200,000
SAGINAW, Mich., Feb. 2.—Fire, which started about midnight in the Whitehead music store, N. Franklin st., in the heart of the east side business district, threatened for several hours to sweep through the district. The loss likely will be \$200,000. Mrs. C. H. Whitehead and Norman Mutscheller were slightly injured during the fire.

The greatest loss was to the M. W. Tanner dry goods store, which occupies almost half a block. The fire did not damage this store much, but the smoke and water damage was at least \$150,000. Other stores that were damaged by the smoke were the Heagerty-Treanor Bros. and the Heagerty-Treanor company. The Schirmer jewelry store, directly adjoining the Whitehead music store, was undamaged. It is believed defective wiring started the fire.

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Church Organization Cancels Invitation To McCray to Speak

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—Cancellation of an engagement to speak at a "father and son" meeting Monday night was forwarded Thursday to Gov. McCray by the Englewood Christian church of this city with an expression of indignation over the increase of telephone rates in Indianapolis granted by the public service commission.

In a letter to the governor signed by W. T. Quillen, president of the "Englewood Hundred" a church organization, and Rev. F. E. Davidson, church pastor, the explanation was made that the men of the congregation "already feel the oppression placed upon their families by the acts of the public service commission and since this is now augmented by an additional burden at a time of much unemployment and reducing of wages it is deemed for the best interests of all concerned that our engagement with you be cancelled."

TWO RAILROAD MEN VICTIMS OF YEGGS

Oscar Fillmore Severely Injured by Unknown Negro—Ashley Attacked.

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-TIMES.
NILES, Mich., Feb. 2.—The third of a series of outlaws acts reported to the police within the last two days was committed Wednesday evening when Oscar Fillmore, a Michigan Central car cleaner, was assaulted and strangled by a negro as he was returning to his home in the east side of the city.

According to Fillmore's statement, his assailant, whom he described as short and dark, emerged from the shadow of a box car as he was traversing the terminal yards, and ordered him to turn over his money. The negro then struck Fillmore with a heavy iron bar, which rendered him unconscious. He was found several hours later by a fellow employee and removed to his home, where physicians examined him and stated that he was suffering from a severe head contusion.

Early Thursday morning another car repairman, William Ashley, reported that he had encountered a vicious character on his rounds, and that a struggle had followed, in which the clothes were literally torn from his body. A search of the yards followed, and a demented man apparently harmless, giving his name as Pat McCane of Chicago, was discovered. Upon Ashley's statement that McCane was not his assailant, the latter was taken to the county jail at St. Joseph to await examination.

Slayer Races to Read

Bible Before Execution
COLUMBUS, Ind., Feb. 2.—Reading of the Bible occupied every minute of the waking hours of Ben Brooks, an unschooled woodcutter, condemned to die in the electric chair for the murder of A. B. Montgomery, of Seymour. Since receiving his sentence, Brooks has allowed himself only a few hours each night for sleep in order that he might give more time to the Bible.

He even begrudges the few minutes he spends bolting down his food and seems determined to complete the Book before the day set for his death.

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GOVERNOR GRANTS CLEMENCY TO TWO LIFE PRISONERS

Four Youths, Sentenced for Robbery, Pardoned—37 Petitions Denied.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—Two "lifers" sentenced to the Michigan City prison for murder were granted clemency Thursday by Gov. McCray, his action being in line with recommendations of the state pardon board. One of the prisoners, Lewis Fuller, has for years had charge of all livestock at the prison farm, and the other, John Maury, is Warden Fogarty's chauffeur.

Fuller, whose sentence was commuted to 15 years imprisonment, was convicted at Goshen in January, 1907, for the murder of his wife. The evidence was circumstantial and he has always protested his innocence, as also the wife's mother, who was at the Fuller home the night Mrs. Fuller was shot in bed.

Maury, who received a parole, was convicted at Warsaw in 1905 for shooting his sweetheart, and prison records listed him as insane at the time he entered prison. For the last 16 years his conduct has been perfect as a trustee at the prison.

Four youths, sentenced last October to two to 14 years at the reformatory for breaking into a grocery at Huntington, also were paroled. They were Hansel Stein, age 15, sentenced as George Powers, James Brady, 17, and Emanuel Tarpin, colored, 22. The youths all live in New York and went "hired" in Huntington when making their way to the Oklahoma oil fields. The pardon board reported that they "stole to satisfy hunger" and asserted that none had a criminal record.

Clemency was denied 37 prisoners, among whom were Ralph C. King and Elmer Simmons, sentenced from Delaware county, and Abraham D'Andrea, sentenced from Logansport. King's sentence of one to 14 years was imposed last June 23 for grand larceny, and Simmons sentence of four months, with \$10 fine and costs, was imposed Oct. 31 for rape. D'Andrea was convicted of violating the prohibition law, and sentenced Nov. 26 to 60 days at the penal farm and fined \$100 and costs.

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Contest of Brother Cut Off
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INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—The will of Charles Spry, former wealthy Logansport resident, disposing of \$10,000 worth of property, was in effect sustained Thursday by the supreme court which affirmed the Miami circuit court finding against the contestant, Thomas A. Spry, a brother, who was bequeathed only \$25 cash.

Under the will the city of Logansport was to act as trustee for a \$10,000 fund, the interest on which was to be distributed annually among Protestant charitable organizations for relief of needy persons. The remainder of the estate was given to various churches, fraternal organizations and others.

The contest was brought originally by the brother, who lives near Logansport, and his mother, who since has died, leaving the brother as the only surviving heir. The first trial, after change of venue to Miami county, resulted in a jury decision.

agreement, but in the second trial, with J. T. Cox, presiding as special judge, the jury upheld the will. The case was tried solely on the question whether Charles Spry was of sound mind when he executed the will on Dec. 29, 1914. He died Feb. 18, 1915. The appeal sought reversal of the case on the grounds of erroneous admission of evidence, jury instruction and alleged improper statements by defense counsel.

FOLLOWS FATHER TO A SUICIDE'S GRAVE

LAPORTE, Ind., Feb. 2.—John Marik, age 28, of San Pierre, Ind., ended his life Wednesday night by suicide. Going to the home of his mother, Marik got possession of a shotgun and pressing the barrel to his left eye pulled the trigger. The load of shot tore his face into a shapely mass. Marik's father killed himself several months ago and the son had vowed since that he would follow him to a suicide's grave.

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DYNAMITING SUSPECT ARRAIGNED THURSDAY

PAW PAW, Mich., Feb. 2.—Charles Crawford, alias C. D. Crawford, alleged gunman, who was arrested at South Bend, Ind., on a charge of complicity in the dynamiting of the Lawrence State bank, last October, was arraigned in circuit court here Thursday. Crawford possessed a complete outfit of yegg tools and nitroglycerine when he was arrested. George Burns arrested at the same time, was released at the preliminary hearing a month ago.

Groundhog Decides on Another Nap at Capital

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—The groundhog saw his shadow in Indianapolis Thursday. He was greeted by clear and crisp weather and a bright sun.

If any reliance is to be placed in signs, the fact that the groundhog saw his shadow means more cold weather. Had it been cloudy when he made his appearance, it would have meant an early spring, according to the old saying.

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